

### **REMARKS**

Claims 1-23 are pending. By this Amendment, Claims 1-20 and 22-23 are amended.

### **Drawing Objections**

In the Office Action the Examiner Objects to Figure 1. Applicants respectfully submit that the Replacement Sheet of amended Figure 1 obviates this objection by adding the legend “Prior Art”.

### **Claim Objections**

In the Office Action the Examiner objects to Claims 1-6, 8 and 10-17. Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are amended to omit extra periods, and therefore request withdrawal of the objection.

### **Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

In the Office Action the Examiner rejects Claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over using WebLogic JNDI, BEA Systems, Published March 3, 2000 (IDS1) in view of JNDI Overview, Part 2, An Introduction to Directory Services, Todd Sundsted, published February 2000 (IDS2).

This rejection is respectfully traversed. Neither IDS1 nor IDS2 appear to disclose or suggest “*wherein the tree representation is mapped to a containment tree that defines names of the attributes in the tree representation*”, as recited in independent Claims 1 and 18. See, for example, the originally filed application at numbered paragraphs [0139], [0140]. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of Claims 1-23 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) IDS1 in view of IDS2 is respectfully requested.

In the event any questions arise regarding this communication or the application in general, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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